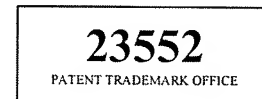


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Dear Sir:

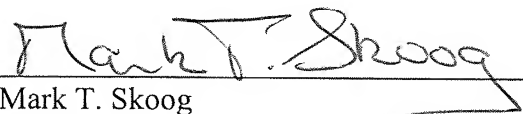
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 19, 2006 to October 19, 2006.

Please charge the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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